

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

First Named Inventor: Himmelsbach, F. et al ) Art Unit: 1624  
Application No.: 10/693,069 ) Examiner: Berch, Mark L.  
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Confirmation No.: 3373  
Title: Xanthine derivatives, the preparation thereof and their use  
as pharmaceutical compositions

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**AMENDMENT**

This is an Amendment for the above-identified application in response to the Office Action mailed on June 1, 2005. The amendments to the claims begin on page 2. The remarks begin on page 53.

The Applicant respectfully requests a 3-months extension of time in which to file this Preliminary Amendment. Furthermore, the Applicant respectfully requests that the Commissioner treat any future reply for this application, which reply requires a petition for an extension of time under this paragraph for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the necessary length of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge all required fees and credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-2955, if the required fees are not otherwise provided for in the reply.